



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chair Davidson administered the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Chair Davidson, Vice-Chair Dubin
Commissioners Levin, Ostergren, Charlie,
LaJoie and Gallo.

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Doug Vu, HPC Liaison, Jennifer Alkire, CHPP
Manager, Antonio Castillo, Senior Planner,
GPA Consultants Elysha Paluszek and Allison
Lyons, and Sharita Houston, HPC Secretary.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
The Historic Preservation Commission is requested to approve the agenda.
Action: Approve the meeting agenda of Monday, November 23, 2020 as
presented. **Motion by Commissioner Levin, second by Vice-Chair Dubin
and motion passed by acclamation.**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Action: Approve the meeting minutes of October 26, 2020 as amended. **Motion
by Commissioner Levin, second by Commissioner Ostergren and motion
passed by acclamation.**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

VICTOR OMELCZENKO WEST HOLLYWOOD, WEST HOLLYWOOD
PRESERVATION ALLIANCE (WHPA) commented about accessing the zoom
platform and said although he forwarded public comments to staff regarding
“Fostering Greater Public Participation in Historic Preservation”, they were not
uploaded to the City’s website.
7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
8. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT:

ANTONIO CASTILLO, CHPP SENIOR PLANNER gave an update concerning preparation of the Citywide Historic Resources Survey Context Statement (HCS) for properties within the R2, R3, R4 Multi-Family zones and creation of an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee as noted in the November 23, 2020 staff report.

He addressed information relating to the consulting firm GPA and the City creating an accessible document for City Staff, the HPC, preservation professionals, and the public that could be used to understand and evaluate historic, multi-family residential development in West Hollywood for Phase 2 of the project.

He discussed the following HCS outline, Staff's recommendation to create an ad-hoc subcommittee and the proposed schedule of future Ad-Hoc meetings.

Outline of HCS:

- I. Introduction
- II. Sherman, 1895-1925
- III. West Hollywood, 1926-1945
- IV. Postwar West Hollywood, 1946-1965
- V. Modern West Hollywood, 1966-1984
- VI. Conclusion
- VII. Bibliography

Appendices:

- I. Bibliography
- II. Maps: Zoning

He addressed public correspondence concerns from WHPA President Victor Omelczenko requesting to be included in the ad-hoc subcommittee and said unfortunately, members of the public can not be a part of the ad-hoc subcommittee but can attend the meetings.

GPA CONSULTANT ALECIA PLOLU AND ALLISON LYONS briefly spoke in support of Staff's presentation, thanked the Commission for their input and said they're available for questions.

Item 10.A. Public Comments:

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WHPA PRESIDENT, WEST HOLLYWOOD RESIDENT spoke in favor of the presentation and thanked Antonio Castillo for providing the report. He said the WHPA will be attending the future ad-hoc meetings and the importance of public outreach concerning HPC meetings.

Item 10.A. Public Comments Closed

Item 10.A. Commissioner Comments:

MEMBERS OF THE HPC thanked Staff for the presentation and discussed information about the HCS update which is scheduled to be completed within a four-month period and staff proposes that there will be one or two ad-hoc meetings before the final draft is presented to the full commission.

GPA CONSULTANT ALLISON LYONS briefly spoke about the proposed schedule and outline of the first Draft to be presented at the initial ad-hoc meeting.

Item 10.A. Commissioner Comments Closed

Action: Staff and the HPC agreed to appoint Commissioners Gail Ostergren, Yawar Charlie and Jacob LaJoie.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

A. UPCOMING PROJECTS: DOUG VU, HPC LIAISON provided the following updates:

- December 28th HPC meeting canceled and there will not be a special meeting.
- Tentative public hearing projects will be heard at the January 25, 2021: Digital Billboard at 9169 Sunset Boulevard Rehabilitation Incentive program at 1282 N. Fairfax Avenue (United Methodist Church).

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WHPA PRESIDENT, WEST HOLLYWOOD RESIDENT commented about the history of the previously designated landmark, 1282 N. Fairfax (United Methodist Church) and the neighboring home which housed the Pastor of the church.

CATHY BLAIVAS WEST HOLLYWOOD greeted the commission and provided well wishes of future holidays and the hopes of attending future meetings within a public gathering.

Item 13.A. Public Comment Closed

14. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

COMMISSIONER YAWAR CHARLIE thanked members of Staff for their presentations and preparation of tonight's meeting. He spoke about public outreach and his availability to assist if needed to brainstorm new methods of outreach and talked about protocols concerning Commissioner terms for Council member appointees.

STAFF DOUG VU, HPC LIAISON said he will reach out to the City's Communication department to better advertise future HPC meetings via social media platforms.

VICE-CHAIR DUBIN said he supports Commissioner Charlie's comments concerning Council Member appointees and concerns with the commission's recommendation from the July 2020 public hearing item for 923 Palm.

CHAIR DAVIDSON thanked Staff for the presentation, members of the HPC and public speakers for their attendance and adjourned the meeting.

COMMISSIONER LEVIN said he supports previous comments concerning Commissioner terms/Council member appointees and said because the Palm project is under review, he's not at liberty to discuss at this time. He spoke about previous comments by public speaker Victor Omelczenko regarding Ogden drive and recommended that members of the public forward comments to Staff in a timelier manner so that the commission would have sufficient time to review, considering the remote environment we're in and also offered holiday well wishes to all.

COMMISSIONER LAJOIE thanked staff and fellow commissioners for their support of the meeting. He also offered holiday well wishes to all and said he supports previous comments by Commissioners Charlie and Levin.

COMMISSIONER OSTERGREN offered holiday well wishes to all and said she too hopes to attend future meetings within a public gathering in the coming new year.

COMMISSIONER GALLO thanked the commission for the information regarding commissioner terms for Council member appointees and offered holiday well wishes to all.

CHAIR DAVIDSON thanked staff and the commission for their support of the HPC and the community we serve. She offered holiday well wishes to all and adjourned the meeting.

STAFF SHARITA HOUSTON noted for the record that she did not receive an email from public speaker Victor Omelczenko but will be sure his correspondence will be noted as public record and offered holiday well wishes to all.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at **7:58pm to a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, December 28, 2020 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** until completion. Given the local, state and nation state of emergency, this meeting will be a teleconferenced meeting (with detailed instructions for participation included on the posted agenda).

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ON THIS 22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.

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SECRETARY, SHARITA HOUSTON

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